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MANUFACTURING THE SAME

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Sir:

Further to the Information Disclosure Statement filed September 9, 1999 and August 31, 2001, and in accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. 1.56, 1.97, and 1.98, Applicants hereby bring the following information to the attention of the Examiner in charge of the above-identified application, which includes information cited and discussed in a Chinese Office Action issued in connection with counterpart Chinese Application No. 97181447.3, mailed July 2, 2004. A copy of the Chinese Office Action, accompanied by an English translation is being submitted herewith. The Examiner is invited to review the Chinese Office Action and English language translation to inspect the relevance indicated during Chinese examination with respect to the documents cited therein.

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JP 7-273431, accompanied by an English language abstract; and

WO 96/17503 A1, which was previously submitted in the Information Disclosure Statement filed September 9, 1999.

Copies of the above-noted JP 7-273431 and its English language abstract are enclosed together with a duly completed Form PTO-1449. The Examiner is accordingly requested to consider these documents, and to make them of record in this application by initialing in the appropriate spaces on the Form-1449. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner include a copy of the initialed Form PTO-1449 with the next communication from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.97(e), the undersigned hereby states that each item of information contained in the information disclosure statement was first cited in any communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of the information disclosure statement. Of course, this statement does not apply to information that has previously been cited by Applicant or the Examiner in the present application as that information is already of record and no certification is necessary.

Applicants also express appreciation for the courtesies extended by the Examiner during a September 2, 2004 telephone call wherein the Examiner indicated that an Office Action will be mailed next week and this disclosure statement can be filed without the necessity for submitting a fee.

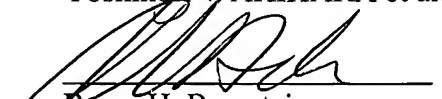
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